

**1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?** Educator, Teacher, Professor, and currently a program manager for Students on Ice Foundation.

**2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?** Yes, I grew up in Newington and Ingleside and currently live in Cornwall.

**3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?** Children's softball coach, tutor as well as extensive volunteer hours with students as a teacher.

**4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?**

A funny as it may seem, Harry Potter has had a significant impression on me and my political thinking. It's a classic story about good conquering evil, accepting people no matter their differences, and fighting for an inclusive society. These are values that I believe in passionately and think are at the heart of improving the lives of everyday people in Canada.

**5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?**

There are two politicians who have been important role models for me: Megan Leslie and Bernadette Clement. Leslie, former NDP MP from Nova Scotia, served her community with complete integrity and as one of the earlier women in Parliament for the NDP, she fought hard for women's voices. Clement made history in Ontario as the first woman and first person of colour to serve as mayor of Cornwall, and she is the first Black Canadian woman to serve as mayor in Ontario. I know her, and her dedication to the people of Cornwall inspires me.

**6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?**

An important local issue in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry is access to timely healthcare services. There are not enough family doctors to care for every resident in the region. And for anyone in need of a mental health counselor, they may wait over a year to get the support they need. I believe the New Democrat's plan to fund head to toe healthcare including quality drug coverage for everyone matters to the people in my riding. This is an investment that could change many lives for the better here in SDSG.

**7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?**

The NDP slogan, in it for you, is one I take seriously, and to heart. I see the role of MP as an act of service, and a role that is not just about attending events, but rather one where I spend time with the people of this riding, hearing their concerns and ideas, and advocating and with them, for a better community. I believe that focusing on policies that matter to people and taking the time to ensure those concerns are heard in Ottawa will help demonstrate to people that politics can be about more than just arguing about policy. It can be really collaborative and reflect everyday people's needs and hopes.